
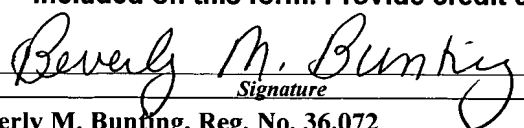


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Application No. <b>10/762,641</b>	Filing Date <b>January 22, 2004</b>	Examiner <b>Gary E. Elkins</b>	Customer No. <b>25006</b>	Group Art Unit <b>3727</b>	Confirmation No. <b>5300</b>
Invention: <b>MULTIFUNCTIONAL DEVICE FOR SUPPORTING A CONTAINER LID</b>					
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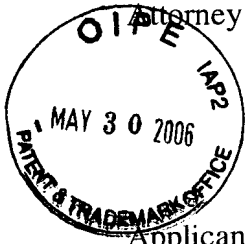
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